



Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library Newsletter

Friendly Notes

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What are Friends for?

What are the Friends for? What do we do for the Library? What do we do for the community? What does it mean to be part of our organization? Well, since you asked...

In the most general terms, we're here to support the Morrill Memorial Library. Like any good friends, we seek to help our friend, the library, in good times and bad. There are also benefits to all of us from this friendship. We get to have a vibrant library community and the pride in knowing we've helped nurture that community. Here are some concrete examples of what we've done and what we have in the works:

The Semi-Annual Book Sale: Twice a year we gather to sell donated books to raise money. Of course, the other great benefit is a chance for our customers to acquire some excellent books (and other media like CDs and DVDs). Finally, it is a chance to interact with the general public and raise the profile of both the library and the Friends. And don't forget, by being a member of the Friends, you get a chance at a sneak peek (and to buy, too) the day before the event is opened to the public. This fall's preview day is Friday, November 5, with the public sale following on Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7.

Then there are the many programs we sponsor ourselves or in conjunction with other groups like the Literacy Program. We hold Author Nights, Book Reviews, and

even Movie Nights. These events are open to Friends as well as the rest of the community. The rest of this newsletter is packed with information on our upcoming events but you can also always log-on to norwoodlibrary.org to find the latest information.

And don't forget that we use the resources we raise to support the library directly. As in the past, we purchase lots of media (from books, to music, to movies) to enhance the library collection and we support children's and other programming.

Finally, we seek to grow our friendship by trying new things and taking the time to assess what works. In June we reached out for some new ideas and got several of them. One idea we implemented was a newly redesigned membership form (now with different available levels of giving) that was mailed with the Light Department's September electric bill.

So, to sum up, (and steal from a famous sitcom theme song), thank you for being a friend!

Dan Corzilius
President

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Foreign Intrigue at the Friends Annual Meeting

On June 3, the Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library hosted our annual member meeting. Dan Corzilius, President, reviewed Friends-supported activities over the past year for adults, children, the Literacy Program and the community.

Dan asked participants to share ideas for future programs. These ideas included: more frequent movie nights and music

explained that a number of the mysteries they chose give a rich insight into politics and everyday life. Many titles they shared were written by native authors, which add authenticity to the stories.

As the meeting traveled from place to place, it was punctuated by tastes of international foods, including raita and fortune cookies. A night of tempting reviews and food; what's not to like?

Looking forward to seeing you all at Friends events this coming fall!

—Debbie Lipton



nights. Additionally, it was suggested the Friends include a flyer or brochure when selling books at the semi-annual book sales. These ideas are currently being reviewed by the Board. If you want to become more active with the Friends, please email

friends@norwoodlibrary.org. Include your contact information and the best time to reach you. A Board member will reach out to you to follow up.

After capturing programming ideas, the slate of candidates for the 2010-2011 Friends of the Library Board was presented, voted upon and accepted.

As promised, Margot Sullivan and Beth Goldman then presented an intriguing and entertaining review of mysteries from around the world. They entered the Simoni room, schlepping their baggage, as well as some very wonderful hats and an Icelandic knit sweater, to their awaiting aircraft. Then, they took the meeting attendees on a multi-national tour that would rival any of the weeks Matt Lauer (of the *Today Show*) spent in the air bouncing from hemisphere to hemisphere. Margot and Beth noted their prize picks of foreign mysteries from across all of the continents. (Except, Antarctica. But when a mystery comes from there, you know where you will find out about it!)

Beth and Margot sourced their recommendations by exploring titles related to different countries, and in doing so found books that were new to them. And not every book they reviewed made the cut. They

Norwood Authors Night Tuesday September 21, 7-9pm

Michael Cunningham, a Norwood resident since 1973, will focus on his book *In Safe Hands: True Stories of the Men and Women of United States Customs and Border Protection*. He has also written *Walking Point* about his experiences in the jungles of Vietnam, and *Wake of the Warrior*, a novel about maritime terrorism.

Vincent O'Neil, who grew up in Norwood and graduated from West Point, will talk about his three mysteries (*Murder in Exile*, *Reduced Circumstances* and *Exile Trust*) featuring amateur sleuth Frank Cole, a bankrupt software designer who relocates to Exile, Florida to try to restart his life.

The program is free. Please register at the library information desk or by calling 781-769-0200 x222.

Autographed copies of the authors' books will be available for purchase.

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.



I recently had a wonderful opportunity to speak with Tina Blood about her career at the library. Tina began her employment at the library on July 16, 1968. Forty-two years later, on July 16, 2010, she began her retirement. She first worked in Reference and Adult Services. Her Friday night shift from 5-9pm (back in the days when the library was open on Friday nights) became her "night out." Tina and her co-workers would order hot fudge sundaes

from the Brigham's restaurant once located in downtown Norwood.

In 1985 Tina was asked to run the Literacy Program which had started two years earlier. Tina accepted the position and nurtured and watched the program grow for the next 25 years. Back in 1985, the program had just a few volunteers. At the time, Barbara Bush was the First Lady and literacy was the cause she supported. The local and national publicity opened the floodgates. Over 1000 students have been enrolled in the program, and at present, there are 70-80 volunteers. The Trustees, the Director and the staff have always been very supportive and encouraged the growth of the program.

Tina's life will be busy in retirement. She will be spending time with her family – her husband Al, her three grown children and her three grandchildren. She would like to stay involved with the Literacy Program at the library and possibly also at the state level. She is also interested in preservation. Tina's husband is President of the Fairbanks Family in America, Inc., an organization dedicated to preserving the Fairbanks House in Dedham, MA, which is believed to be the country's oldest standing timber frame house.

Tina expressed to me that working at the library, especially her involvement with students and volunteers, has enriched her life. Her co-workers have become a close-knit extended family. She has truly enjoyed and cherished her time at the library and those she has met over the years.

—Deborah Henry

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Sign up for these free events by calling the library at 781-769-0200.

Fall Musical Sundays

Sunday, October 17, 3-4:30 pm

Gergana Haralampieva will delight you with her violin program. The 16 year old was born in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. She moved to Boston with her family in 2005. In 2006 she won the New England String Ensemble's Concerto Competition and in 2007 she was the winner of the 2nd Connecticut International Young Artists Competition. Gergana lives in Norwood and studies at the Walnut Hill School in Natick.

Sunday, November 14, 3-4:30pm

Vocalist Beth Purcell and pianist Anthony Healy will perform works of jazz: witty and beautiful songs sung with passion and sensitivity. They will perform jazz standards and show tunes featuring music of Porter, Kern and Bock. Beth Purcell has a broad background in musical theatre which enriches her interpretation of songs in the American Song Book. From jazz cafes to performance halls she has entertained throughout New England with leading roles in Rodgers and Hammerstein, Cole Porter and Sondheim productions.

Sunday, December 5, 3-4:30pm

Alfred Watson will return to the library to perform portions of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and talk about the composition. Mr. Watson is a seasoned classical pianist and composer and a graduate of the Julliard School of Music in New York City.

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Upcoming Events at the Norwood Library

Thursday September 30, 7:30-9pm

Professor Charles Fanning talks about his latest book, *Mapping Norwood*.

Tuesday October 5, 7-9pm

Gregory Peck Film Fest: Showing *To Kill a Mockingbird* in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the book by Harper Lee. On the following 3 Thursdays we will show *Moby Dick* (Oct. 14); *The Yearling* (Oct. 21) and *Cape Fear* (Oct. 28)

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Boston with her family in 2005 she has won several prestigious awards.

Wednesday November 3, 10am-Noon

Suminagashi Paper Marbling Workshop with Cindy Rudolph. Create beautiful note cards and bookmarks using the fun and easy water based technique which originated in Japan. No artistic talent required. The workshop is free but there is a \$3 charge for supplies. Class is limited to 25 people over age 14. Registration is required and begins October 1.

Friday Nov. 5, 3-5 pm

Saturday Nov 6 from 9-5 pm

Sunday Nov. 7 from 2-5 pm

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale. Support the library by attending the sale or by making a book donation. Special preview Friday, Nov. 5 for Friends of the Library members only.

Wednesday January 26, 2011

WHDH-TV's award-winning investigative reporter and novelist **Hank Phillippi Ryan** will speak at the Friends Semi-Annual meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

Please register for all programs by calling the library, 781-769-0200.